

E 2/a Ritter 21 Aug 64  
4. Ritter started with the comment that UTILITY had in the past performed invaluable services to Germany and CATIDE and he did not want us to get the impression that he was disloyal to UTILITY. However, the fact was that UTILITY had not given CATIDE any real leadership for the last two to three years and could not be expected to change during the remainder of his stay as President. Ritter said that UTILITY spends most of his time cruising around with the politicians in Bonn, he no longer knows what is going on in CATIDE, he won't make decisions himself and won't delegate to his subordinates the right to do so, he is scared stiff of a flap, and he demands that risks of any kind be resolutely avoided. The result of this is that CATIDE is drifting and morale is anything but good. Ritter said that officers of his grade and age (he is a 47-year-old Colonel) were especially frustrated. They felt CATIDE had great operational possibilities but that timid and ineffective leadership did not permit them to be exploited. Ritter said that CATIDE was now operating at only about 50 percent of capacity, and that the general atmosphere is all too frequently one of lethargy, cynicism and passing the buck. (Sikler)

7. While Ritter was talking I was struck by the close similarity between his views and those expressed to me almost a year ago by Sturm. Both Ritter and Sturm are mature and sober men and the fact that they independently expressed almost identical views is a good sign that what they say is true. I evaluate the reliability of their comments far higher than the anti-UTILITY tirades Crook treated me to last winter.

□ □ (& MOELLER, Brucke, 9 Mar 65)

4. He spoke of the trouble that arose when UTILITY found out that the Foreign Relations Staff had made arrangements for a Fasching party for □ at the Regina Palace Hotel. Contrary to my previous understanding, what miffed UTILITY was the aspect of supplying seven KUBARK gentlemen with female escorts from the Translation Section of CATIDE. Apparently, UTILITY thought that the seven visitors from Washington would have but one thought in mind, to assault his young ladies. This line of thought, as expressed by UTILITY to Moeller, came to an end when Moeller announced to UTILITY that one of the young ladies had been his daughter-in-law.

5. Moeller said there were a number of interesting aspects to UTILITY:

- a. He has no sense of time. He will talk on and on.
- b. He is fascinated with mechanical gadgets.
- c. He really doesn't enjoy socializing. He would prefer to be out in his boat thinking about CATIDE in the year 3000.

6. Moeller said UTILITY would--to give an insight into another facet into his character--be quite happy if he called for Moeller and was told that it was such a fine day that Moeller was out skiing; that would be alright, that would be Moeller's decision. But, at the same time, if Moeller were sitting at home with five children on Christmas morning, UTILITY would be quite up to telling him to leave immediately for Bern, Switzerland, because his Christmas card to the Chief of the Swiss service had not been correctly signed.

7. Moeller did not give this as an actual example but the Bern story had so much detail in it that it sounded as if it really happened.

8. I spoke to Moeller about the debacle that was my attempt to bring their gentlemen out into contact with other than KUBARK people. Moeller said that he was sorry that this thing had gone adrift and his enthusiastic approval of it before the fact was, in fact, too enthusiastic. I asked him whether on a smaller scale, and say, for instance with house guests, we could have a small number of his people in without dusting up the landscape. He said certainly, especially the kind you could be told, "now just don't ask these people too many questions. I gather then that once in a while we can have non-KUBARK guests into affairs and have a CATIDE representative present (or, rather, the other way around) ✓